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"Other Cleanup Activity - State Lead Site"

Site Name: Burt Company

EPA ID#: MED985468024

Address: 1 Cambridge Street

City: Portland State: ME

Preliminary Assessment completed: 02-06-91:

By: ME DEP

Site Inspection completed: 02-23-93

By: Weston START



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582514

State Lead Recommendation Letter: 04-05-01

Other Cleanup Activity - State Lead Qualifier Recommended:

This site has been assigned a low priority for further evaluation, and no further site assessment activities are anticipated. The state has concurred that this site is not an appropriate candidate for NPL consideration, and that any further actions which may be necessary should and will be pursued under state program authorities.

EPA, in consultation with the state, reserves the right to activate NPL listing activities at this site if new information becomes available or site conditions substantially change. Such significantly changed circumstances could result in a recommendation for listing at a later time.

DISCUSSION/RATIONALE:

This 3-acre property was brought to the attention of the ME DEP, and consequently the EPA Superfund program following the discovery of drums of chemicals onsite after a fire onsite in March 1990. The site is the location of a former billiard ball manufacturer which operated onsite from 1895 until 1988, when operations were moved to off-site locations and the facility was closed. Following the discovery of abandoned chemicals onsite, the state performed a removal action between 1990 and 1992, which addressed the drums as well as contaminated soils. Federal site assessment program investigations (Preliminary Assessment and Site Inspection) were performed during this period, and the site was also evaluated by the federal removal program in 1991, though no removal action was taken.

In 1998 a Brownfields Site Assessment was conducted which concluded that two areas onsite still needed attention. The site is currently owned by the City of Portland, which obtained title for the payment of back taxes, and is interested in redeveloping the land for athletic fields. The City is working with the ME DEP to address the remaining contamination issues onsite as the property is being developed.

The ME DEP has provided assurances to EPA that this site is being addressed in accordance with state program requirements, and that the ongoing state management of the site is sufficient to ensure public safety and environmental protection. The state has concluded that this site is not an appropriate candidate for NPL consideration, and recommends that it should instead be addressed via the state program. Upon review of the information contained in the CERCLA site file and consideration of the state's assurances that the residual site contamination is being addressed appropriately, I concur that this site should be designated as an "Other Cleanup Activity - State Lead Site". Upon completion of all state program activities, EPA will consider whether further actions are appropriate by the federal Superfund program, or if this site should be archived from CERCLIS.

State Lead Recommended By:
(Site Assessment Manager)

Signature: Matthew R. Gaudet

Date: 8/23/01